

Extracts.

"ONLY A PRINTER."

"Only a printer!" a fair maid said,
As she thoughtfully turned her head.

"Only a printer!" a fair maid said,
That's lived for years in a printing-house."

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HOME OF ROYALTY.

Following the main road from Sans Souci

near the historical windmill, you soon reach

the modest village of Bornstedt, near which

lives the firm of the Crown Prince. It must

be an unpeopled place to these great people

to have one place where they can lay off

their honours and titles and royalty, and

that Her Highness was never happier than

when she came to the farm and presided as

the *grande dame* of Bornstedt. Upon ap-

plication to the lady to permit us to look

through the premises, she said: "I don't

know. The right has never been given to

me to show the house to strangers."

"But who can it be, then?" We are very

anxious to see it."

"Well, indeed, no. I have lived here

nine years, but no one has ever asked me

before."

Upon our telling her that we were Amer-

icans, and promising her that we would not

tell any one that she had shown us through

the house and garden, the old lady

opened the door to a very neat, pretty

garden that extended down to a stream of

water. She pointed out with evident pride

the different beds allotted to the children,

where they dug and planted and played

during the hours allowed them for recreation,

"which were few," said the old lady

with a sigh, "for the dear things cannot

have perfect freedom like other children.

They have so much to learn and study that

even when they are here there is always a

teacher for music or English or French or

Italian following them to spoil their play.

For these lighter studies are reckoned a part

of their recreation." On one side of the

garden was a large house of white stone,

with the tender little young ones while the

garden said would so delight the little

princesses when they returned from England.

There were also some pens with fussy old

Shanghais, Cochins, and black Spanish

hens, scolding and cooing the quaint

chickens that would elp through the bars

wander off in the distant grass. I stooped

to read a porcelain plate that depended from

two or three trees. The inscription ran:

"Planted by the Crown Princess Victoria in

the year 1870," and another by the Prin-

cess Alexandra, in such a year. I laughed

and said, "Liebe Frau, how much of the

labor did they perform with their own

hands?" She looked a little confused and

answered, "Well, to tell the truth the hole

was dug for them. The ladies then put the

tree in, and threw a little dirt upon it. Then

the gardener filled it up; but it was great

fun for them."

THE CROWN PRINCESS'S ROOMS.

Leaving the garden, we ascended the main

steps to the house which could have been

easily entered by a strong application

of bread and soap-suds, past the kitchen into

a small corridor that led into the Crown

Princess's rooms above. The house is low

and unpretentious, built in the old German

style, with walls and ceilings of painted

boards. The rooms are all furnished with

exquisite taste and simplicity. The walls

are covered with pure white corded paper,

with a broad border of blue china. "Oh, how

pretty and simple," we exclaimed. "Yes,"

she said, "that is Her Highness's own taste;

she likes it better than the silks and damasks

of the palace. It is a great deal of labor, for

every time it is washed all the blue border

is washed off and must be sewed neatly on

again, but it is worth it for Her Highness

for she is so good and amiable." "In-

deed," we exclaimed, "that is very pleasant

to hear, for the Berliners do not like her,

and say a great many disagreeable things

about her." Yes, I know; she is not great

and gay enough to please them, but she is

kind and modest, and I say it honestly.

You see I am a very old woman, but in all

my long and varied experience never have

seen a family of children in any situation

in life so perfectly managed, so thoroughly

well-bred and obedient as the children of our

Crown Prince. If they are conscious that

they are princesses and necessities that they

behave in a becoming manner, they are

happy and contented, and that is all that

the young Crown Prince is one of the best-

hearted boys I ever knew, and not too proud

to do anything. Last summer, on a cold

day, Her Highness sent down word she

wished a fire. I started up the steps with

a basket of wood. The young Prince saw me,

and taking it out of my hands, said, "Oh,

how kind and thoughtful you are! I will

HORRORS OF AFRICAN TRAVEL.

Colonel Long is describing his recent jour-

ney to the interior of Africa, and the vicinity

of the land of the pygmies, thus describes the

hardships he underwent. "To cross Atour

is a fearful undertaking. I assure you. For

150 miles the route, though painful, is in

close proximity to the river, and thus we have

water for 200 miles. Leaving Atour, we

waded the river, and in some places the

water was so deep that we were obliged to

use a pole to steady ourselves, and in some

places we were obliged to crawl on our hands

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